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Soccer will have a new lightning competition for the State League top four this year. It will be played over two or three weekends at the end of the season.

The exact form of the tournament has not been decided. It could be fought out on a round-robin basis or be a straight knock-out.

The matter will be discussed at the State League management committee meeting next week. Details will be announced in Soccer News.

The new top-four clash will not affect the traditional League set-up, in which the team finishing on top are champions.

The aim is to boost the game after the League battle is over, and give the three runner-up teams a last chance to down the new titleholders.

The result should be some fierce competition because the champions, after proving themselves top dogs in the League, would lose a good deal of prestige if beaten.

The Victorian game also should get a lift from the publication of the new Soccer News, starting with this first issue.

V.S.F. deputy chairman and publicity officer, John Gorton, said: "The object of the new paper is to present the true image of this international sport to the public and promote the game at all levels.

"It will contain soccer news only, with the accent on games, players, clubs and personalities.

"There will be none of the petty politics which have been brought to the fore in the past and blown up out of proportion.

"But we still intend to bring factual news of the administration of the game to the reader. We hope that all soccer lovers will support the paper".

Chance for State team

The Victorian team, which has had a big injection of new blood this season, will get a chance to show its paces next Monday.

Fifteen players and team officials will fly to Sydney for the first interstate clash of the year against New South Wales.

The N.S.W. team, which will include several almost certain starters for the Australian World Cup squad later this year, will be rated favorites by many to win. But they could be in for a shock.

The new-look Victorian line-up is keep to go. They have knuckled down to hard training under coach Zvonimir Rasic for several weeks and are in cocky mood.

Several of the regulars like Billy Cook, of Slavia, and Frank Micic, who will be back with J.U.S.T. this season, will be there to provide a steadying force for the eager new men.

The full Victorian squad is:

Goal: Sandy Henderson (Hakoah), Lou Kastner (George Cross). Defenders: Billy Cook (Slavia), Johnny Bedford (Hellas), David Kelly (Hellas), Horst Rau (Croatia), Frank Micic (J.U.S.T.). Forwards: Billy Vojtek (Croatia), Tommy McColl (Juventus), Jimmy Rooney (Lions), Jimmy Mackay (Croatia), Jimmy Smart (Lions), Nick McCallum (George Cross), Branko Buljevic (J.U.S.T.), Milan Mihajlovic (J.U.S.T.).

Among the newcomers the smart Henderson, one of the best between-the-sticks performers seen in Victoria, looks sure to get the vote in goal, but the up-and-coming Kastner will be pressing for a place soon.

Full-back Kelly is a 100 per cent. trier with a fair share of skill, and Rau, a seasoned player, combines defence and attack cleverly. They could form a stiff rearguard with the experienced Cook and Bedford, another tireless worker.

Mackay, a fine linkman who also can crack the ball home, should partner the goal-making Micic in the middle line.

Up front, the explosive Billy Vojtek, who has thrown off an injury hoodoo, is sure of a place.

He is fast and tricky and can clinch a game with a searing shot, but he should not overdo the fancy stuff.

Argus Medal winner Rooney, another ball player who can split a defence, should get the nod and the galloping George Cross striker, McCallum, is worth a place because he can turn half chances into goals in a flash.

Strong claims also will come from the J.U.S.T. pair, Mihajlovic and Buljevic, McColl and Smart.

McColl has shown little form recently and may need time to come to his best. Smart has proved that he is just that, and he also packs a hefty shot.

Buljevic is clever and a master of the ball, but he lacks the fire of Mihajlovic, a fast raider who goes straight for goal.

Full details of the N.S.W. squad were not known at press time, but it is likely to be one of the strongest for some years.

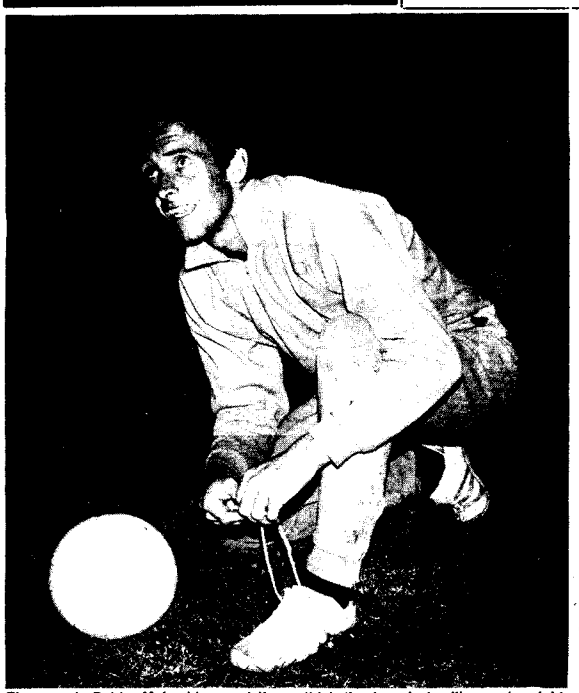
There will be plenty of power in front of goal with Attila Abonyi (St. George), Ray Baartz (Hakoah) and Johnny Warren (St. George), all Australian team regulars, available.

Abonyi, the former Melbourne star who transferred to Sydney last December, needs no introduction as one of the best goal poachers in the business. He is sure to give his former team-mates plenty of trouble.

Baartz, reckoned by many to be the best all-round striker in Australia, can blast his team to victory with cracking shots from any angle. Warren, who skippered the Australian side on its clean sweep of Asia in 1967, has few peers.

Another danger man could be the new Hakoah goal star, Willie Rutherford, who is fast off the mark and usually on target.

The face is familiar....



The name's Bobby McLachlan, and if you think the face is familiar you're right. Bobby has been on the Victorian State League soccer scene for many years, and is one of the personality players of the game. Bobby is now with newly promoted Box Hill. You can read all about this club's climb into State League in a special feature story on Pages 4 and 5 of Soccer News.

Big hope

New Melbourne player Hugh Rattray comes to the St. Kilda club with a great scoring record.

Playing for Ballarat in the Metropolitan League Division 4 last season, the 20-year-old star hammered home 58 goals — a notable feat in any company.

It took a four-figure fee to bring him to Melbourne, but it looks as if the six-footer will soon pay this off.

He set fans and officials talking when he hit the back of the net four times to help Melbourne to a 5-1 win over St. Albans in a practice match.

At St. Kilda, Rattray joints three other Melbourne youngsters who have shown natural skill and could be stars of the future — Johnny Wallace, Billy Rogers, from Sunshine City, and Paul Deeming, ex-Hellas.

BACK WE COME AGAIN

Soccer News is back for the big kick-off and the rest of the season. It will be packed with all the things that you, the soccer fans, want.

George Yelland will write each week on State League games, "Taffy" will put you on to the winning pools lines and Metropolitan League, District League games, and the junior set-up will be covered.

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COACH HAS NEW ANGLE

Here's a new angle from a coach. . . .

. . . Les Courtier, the new man with Ringwood City-Welhelmina, has come up with the idea of pitting his Under-16 team against the seniors in practice games.

The purpose of the exercise is twofold.

Said Les: "The aim is to make the boys feel they are part of the club and to give them a chance to play in a first-team atmosphere.

"And, being young and fit, they can test the speed and physical condition of the seniors to the full.

"It also will give us a chance to pick out the more likely boys."

Polonia gamble on youth

Polonia, stripped of several of their stars, will rely on youth to pull them through in the State League this season.

Team officials know they could be up against it when the league battle hots up but they are confident that their youngsters, most of whom already have been blooded in the first team, will do a good job.

Biggest gap in the ranks will be that left by the retirement as a player of Vic Janczyk, the ageless ace who, from the half-back line, steered Polonia to the runners-up spot last year.

Janczyk, an Argus Medal winner and former Victorian skipper, hung up his boots at the end of last season after nine years with Polonia.

In those years he masterminded the Polonia side, marshalling the defence when the chips were down, then switching the team on to attack with a stream of clever passes.

Whatever his critics may say, his soccer skill enriched the Victorian game and, with his sportsmanship, set a fine example for youngsters to follow.

Now he has switched to coaching and this season he will be in charge of Juventus. This job, linked with his activities with the Victorian Soccer Coaches' Association, should ensure that his wide knowledge is not lost to the game.

Another experienced man who will disappear from the scene this season is Bert Gajda, who has been a power at half-back or forward for the past three years.

Gajda, a former Polish international, will return home next month and is unlikely to play again before leaving.

Also to make the return to Poland soon are centre-forward George Swoboda, a clever attacker, and speedy winger Ziggy Gadecki, whose tricky play won him a place in the Victorian team.

Gadecki won't leave until July but a persistent ankle injury is likely to keep him on the touchline this month.

With Janczyk gone the strongman in defence this year should be Paul Zurawkski, who arrived last season and soon proved himself to be a tough defender with plenty of skill.

He should get good support from Eddie Marmur, an improving player whose ability should soon match his strong physique. Another promising middle line man is Andrew Czapnik.

The task of turning chances into goals is likely to fall on the willing shoulders of the Wrobel brothers, Eddie and John, Stan Adamczyk, Mike Olinowski and Czes Plaskota, all products of the Polonia youth set-up.

The job of moulding the young Polonia squad into an efficient team will again fall on Kaz Kowalec, who is showing himself to be as good a coach as he was a player.

The confident outlook of the players was expressed this week by secretary Mr. A. Matyka, who said:

"This season is going to be a testing one for us without the experience of Janczyk and Co. behind us but, if dedication and fitness pay off we should give a good account of ourselves."

The club expects a new goalie to arrive next month. He is Litwin Miroslaw, who played with Gornik Walbrzych in the second division, where he was rated one of the top men. He is also a qualified second class coach.

Negotiations are also going on to sign two forwards from Poland but, if the deal goes through, they won't be able to come here until the second half of the season.

BATTLE OF PERRY PARK!

The spread of the round ball goes on — and this time it is the small State of Queensland, speaking soccerwise, which has taken a mighty step forward and dealt a blow to footy.

After a long and often fierce battle of tactics with the other code, the Queensland Soccer Federation has come out on top and opened up a big future.

The prize is a brand new headquarters, the Perry Park ground in Brisbane, for years a footy stronghold as the home of the State's top Rules club, Mayne.

And footy won't get it back for a long, long time. The Brisbane City Council has granted the soccer federation a 30-year lease of the ground.

Under the conditions of the lease the federation must immediately demolish the existing grandstand and changing rooms and erect a combined grandstand and club building with all facilities and a seating capacity of 4000.

Perry Park, in the inner city suburb of Mayne Park, has been the target of many sporting organisations.

The QSF and the Queensland Australian Rules Football League emerged as the main contenders. Now, after many months of wrangling, victory has gone to soccer in the "final".

The Australian Soccer Federation president, Sir William Walkley, had a big hand in the struggle for use of the ground.

He flew for talks with Brisbane Council officials and told them that his code, with the help of sponsors, was prepared to spend up to half a million dollars on the ground to make it a soccer showpiece.

Footy bosses were quoted at the time as saying they "couldn't compete with that kind of money".

LEAGUE, METRO CLUBS

STATE LEAGUE

BOX HILL
CROATIA
FOOTSCRAY-J.U.S.T.
GEORGE CROSS
HAKOAH
JUVENTUS
LIONS
MELBOURNE
POLONIA
PT. MELB-SLAVIA
R'WOOD CY.-W'MINA
STH. MELB.-HELLAS

METROPOLITAN
1st DIVISION

ALEXANDER
ALTONA CITY
COBURG
DANDENONG CITY
ELWOOD AUSTRIA
KEILOR CITY
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NEWPORT
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ROSEBUD
SOUTH YARRA

Giantkillers!

Mooroolbark United, who missed promotion from division four by one point last season, are aiming to go one better this year.

The team got into trim for the new season by playing in — and winning — a Mountain District tournament. Two of their victims were second division Ferntree Gully and third division Croydon.

A man who will play a big part in Mooroolbark's bid for honors this season is new signing Alan Irving, a former full-time professional with English second division side Carlisle United.

He is reported to have turned down offers from several Melbourne clubs before joining Mooroolbark.

Other newcomers are Peter Bailey, from Ringwood City-Wilhelmina, and 18-year-old Jimmy Johnson, an inside-forward from Scottish side Stranraer.

Mooroolbark have the backing of the Lilydale Shire Council, who have laid out a new pitch for them. This will be used only for first team games.

Floodlights, powerful enough for training and practice games, have been erected.

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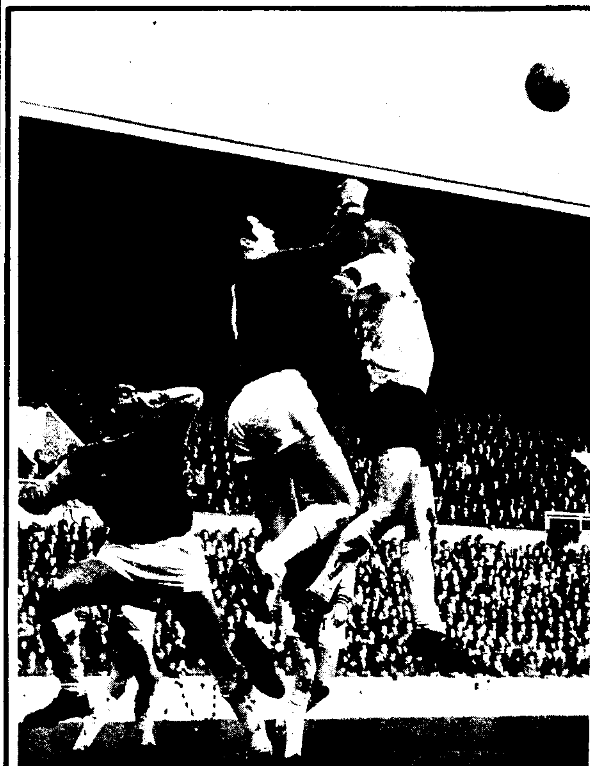

Up they go . . . and West Ham goalie Bobby Ferguson cuts out a dangerous cross as Liverpool's Alun Evans (right) challenges him. West Ham defender John Charles covers his goalie in case of a slip. The division one game was at Upton Park.

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GOODBYE... AND HELLO!

State League champions Croatia lost one of their stars this week — but another will soon return to the fold.

The man to go is tricky forward Hammy McMeechan, who has had itchy feet for some time. The man returning is Billy McIntyre, the bustling striker who top-scored last year.

McMeechan, who was a regular in the Victorian team, has joined Western Suburbs, a professional side in the Sydney second division.

The Scot, who joined Croatia at the beginning of 1965 from Slavia, was a key man in attack and notched some great goals. But he had a weak spot — trying to beat one man too many. This spoiled a lot of his good play.

He hit the high spots in 1965 when he went to Cambodia with the Australian team for World Cup elimination games. He played against most touring teams in Victoria, going very well in the games with Manchester United in 1967.

McIntyre has his best season with Croatia last year, when he proved himself to be one of the strongest goal-getters in the league. The club expects him to return from Scotland soon.

Also due back is inside-forward Peter Davies, who showed up well towards the end of last season. He could be here for the start of the new season.

A new man on his way is David Williamson, a 22-year-old Scot who plays at full-back. He is from junior side Banks O'Dee.

Committee to probe

A special three-man study committee is to be set up to check on the present constitution of the Australian Soccer Federation and recommend possible changes.

It will comprise one delegate from Victoria and New South Wales, one from all other States and one from F.I.F.A., the world-ruling body.

The three will report back to the States after making a full investigation.

The decision to probe the A.S.F. set-up, taken at the annual meeting in Sydney last weekend, appears to have staved off — for the time being — another head-on clash between Victoria and N.S.W. and the smaller States on voting rights.

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George Yelland sums up the 1969 season

SOCCER FACING A YEAR OF DESTINY

Falling attendances at all spectator sports has not left soccer unscarred. In recent years the world's No. 1 ball game has been hit hard in many countries.

This is true of soccer in Victoria. Fans want to see fast, ATTACKING soccer. Goals and more goals rouse the fevered enthusiasm of most followers of the sport. Heavy responsibility rests with coaches to ensure that emphasis is maintained on attack.

Players must be more dedicated in training and match play. Some of the shoddy, half-hearted displays seen in recent years only help to empty the terraces.

Players have been guilty of helping to kill the goose which lays THE golden egg.

True followers of the sport are not easily fooled. Recognising good soccer, skilful ball play and 100 per cent. effort, they will not settle for less.

Club managements, aware of this, have strengthened their teams, in many cases signing goal-getting forwards.

CROATIA, triple 1968 champions, are sure to set a hot pace. They will be the side to beat.

Brilliant forward Hammy McMeechan has gone to Sydney, joining Australia's only fully professional club, second division Western Suburbs.

Offsetting this loss is the return of ace striker Billy McIntyre. His many brilliant goals for Croatia thrilled fans time and again.

Direct and bustling forward Peter Davies is also returning from the U.K. These two will help to strengthen a side which is already bursting with talent.

Schemer-in-chief is linkman Jim MacKay. He has scored many goals with bullet-like drives and has been a regular in the State side for several years.

Mercurial Billy Vojtek, another State regular and near certainty for Australia's 1969 World Cup team, is Croatia's ace in the hole. He can turn a game in a flash with a sudden dart upfield and cannonball drive. A fantastic ball, player, he is sometimes guilty of over-elaboration, but always spells danger when in possession.

MELBOURNE, winners of the State League flag and also the Australia Cup in 1967, had a disastrous season in 1968, barely escaping relegation.

Injuries to key players and the loss of Allan Connolly to Juventus were factors, but team spirit and the will to win appeared to have gone.

Coach George Buttas and team manager Bob Armstrong are out to restore ability and team spirit. Officials are quietly confident that this year will be one of revival.

Brilliant young keeper Henri Surma, who missed many games last year through injury, has gone into hospital for an operation on his hand. He will miss the first few games, but has a capable deputy in Tom Gerrard.

JUVENTUS, who this year will make Olympic Park their headquarters, had their worst season ever in 1968. A lot of this could be traced to the loss of experienced pivot George Scott, but for much of the season they played like a ship without a rudder.

Juventus are determined to redeem themselves and regain lost prestige and support.

It is known that a very talented forward, with Football League experience, will arrive from Wales, and from the Scottish Highland League a spearhead with an outstanding record of goal scoring. Juventus might start slowly, but could be a force.

Two men already signed up are full-back Keith Lakey from top Yorkshire amateur club Stockton and Sammy McAspurn, 22, captain and top scorer from District League club Doveton.

PORT MELBOURNE SLAVIA is another side which on paper is loaded with talent, but spoiled their chances last season with too many lack-lustre displays. On their day they were invincible and, with a solid defence revolving round sheet-anchor Billy Cook, may well have a big say in things.

Up forward much will depend on the scheming of Willie Kerr, the cannonball shooting of big Russell Steele, and the ability of Ian Reid to find his scoring touch of two seasons ago.

HAKOAH, who start off with a bang and tend to fizzle out late in the season, are determined to figure among the trophies this time. Realising that "anno domini" was their greatest threat, they have introduced youth into the side and this must pay off.

Hakoah have the best goalkeeper in the State in Sandy Henderson, and one of our finest pivots in Dick van Alphen. Promising young half-back David Baker is returning from the U.K.

Although finishing in the four, Hakoah were only sixth highest scorers last season, averaging less than a goal and a half per match. Determined to improve on this, Hakoah have signed Brian McDonald from Harlow Town, who played in the premier English amateur Isthmian League.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS, with 38 goals, were second highest scorers last year and recently won the Ampol Night Cup. Always playing attractive, attacking soccer, they have two of the League's best wingers in Leo Damianakos and Jimmy Pyrgollos.

Loss of star linkman Frank Micic is a body blow and Hellas will have problems replacing him.

The comeback of Michael Mandalis after twice breaknig a leg, Johnny Bedford's great drive, and the rugged first-line defence of David Kelly and Andre Roussis are factors which make Hellas a side to be feared.

LIONS were the most improved side in State League in 1968. Argus Medal winner in his first season, Jimmy Rooney was the most potent figure in this upsurge.

Gerry Murney, Steve Walker and Frank Schwartz make a steady middle line. Jimmy Smart, a speedy raider with a hard finishing shot, and bustling Tommy Roseweir should also help to put Lions in at the kill.

POLONIA finished runners-up and were amply repaid for their far-sighted junior policy. Over half the side were boys who started in the juniors. The remainder were experienced players like ex-Polish international Norbert Gajda, Vic Janczyk, Ziggy Gadecki and George Swoboda. This year, Polonia will lose all four and much will depend on juniors under the generalship of experienced pivot Paul Zurawski.

BOX HILL, newcomers to the State League, will have a hard fight to establish themselves.

If determination and team spirit count, they will do well. Coach Peter Craig is a tough, experienced campaigner and will produce a fit combination, full of fight.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T., without a win in the first half of last season, stayed up only on goal average. It was their worst year ever.

With the arrival of Milan Mihajlevic, Branko Buljevic and Slobadan Zoraja, J.U.S.T.'s fortunes took a turn for the better.

With State coach Zvonimir Rasic in charge and the team playing their usual copybook soccer, I tip J.U.S.T. as the dark horse.

RINGWOOD CITY WILHELMINA had a good year on their return to top company and justified their promotion.

Advent of coach Les Courtier, who has coached round the world, has brought a fluid defensive system which confounded Hellas in the night competition and may well give Wilhelmina a high position in the League if their forwards finish better.

GEORGE CROSS, unpredictable last season, have talent in abundance. Lou Kastner in goal is already one of the finest keepers in the State and Nick McCallum is the most dangerous spearhead, particularly with his head.

Players like young Horst Friederberg, obviously a State player of the future; Falconer Ireland, an improving pivot; wily Archie Campbell; team general John Sanchez; clever inside-forward John Gardiner, and others, could be a winning line-up.

In comes the ball from the corner and players in the Melbourne v. Elwood Austria match of the Harry Armstrong Reserve Cup competition go into action at Elwood last weekend.

WE'RE SET TO SCORE WELL

Despite rumblings on the national front, which seem likely to be heard for some time, soccer in Victoria looks set to score well this year.

Much behind-the-scenes work, about which the fans may know little, has been going on.

With the birth of a new soccer paper, aimed at putting you—the people who support the game—in the picture, the time has come to blow your own trumpet a little.

There has been the usual pre-season flurry of activity in the top bracket, the State League, with new signings by most clubs and plans for the coming League and Cup battles being laid.

This is a necessary part of the build-up for the senior game, but even better news is that some big strides have been taken down in the basement — schools and junior soccer—thanks to some dedicated and far-sighted officials.

This is where the big effort is needed. Buildings won't stand up without good foundations and obviously this goes for soccer, too.

The tendency has been to go along with the big boys in the chase for success and quick cash returns. Now if the code is to develop and have an assured future, the emphasis must be shifted.

There are hundreds of youngsters — and they are not all migrant children—clamouring to play soccer. Proof of this has come from coaches who have visited schools to give instruction.

We just cannot afford to ignore this reservoir of possible talent for the future.

Steps must be taken to ensure that promising boys are not lost to the game mainly through lack of encouragement. This is where we have slipped up in the past.

The VSF should act now to devise a scheme, possibly on a zonal basis, under which boys would be channelled into the various clubs to start a senior career under the guidance of qualified coaches.

If this was done there would be no worries for the future. Even if only one or two boys in every ten made the grade at the top, the effort would pay off.

Because of this need to catch them young, the breakthrough into the schools, made at the end of last year, after a long battle, is exciting news.

The game is now on the official curriculum of State schools. It already is played at many non-State schools, so the door to success is open.

Main credit for this big step forward goes to the Victorian Soccer Coaches' Association, whose members have spent many long and unpaid hours introducing the game to eager youngsters.

It is hoped to step up the program this year with coaching clinics and film shows, etc. Asociation officials are hopeful that if all goes well a schools' league could be in operation next year.

With the schools move, these are some of the developments which should boost the Victorian game this year:

- A proposed new top four competition for the State League, to be played at the end of the season.
- Big interstate games on a home-and-away basis, with New South Wales and South Australia, and possibly other representative matches.
- Two full internationals between Australia and Greece scheduled for Olympic Park later this year.
- Several Victorian players likely to be named for the Australian squad which will go to South Korea for World Cup elimination games in October.
- A fine gesture by all Metropolitan League clubs to give $20 a year each to help school soccer—a total of about $1000.
- A boost for the District League, with more than 30 teams playing, and a growing junior set-up.
- Successful preliminary courses held by the Coaches' Association, with many candidates qualifying to move to a more advanced stage.

Close games

By George Yelland

Soccer season 1969 kicks off this week-end with a full round of State League matches. Every game will be full of interest and clear cut wins difficult to forecast.

Saturday will find Wilhelmina at Essendon in an effort to beard the Lions in their own den. Both defences conceded only 24 goals last season.

A close, low-scoring game is indicated, with a draw likely, but the magic of Rooney (Lions) or Spiekerman (Wilhelmina) could swing it either way.

George Cross take on the new look J.U.S.T. in a contest between speedy, direct soccer and ball artistry.

With the driving force of Frank Micic, I tip J.U.S.T. to collect full points, but do not forget that Cross never admit defeat.

Much will depend on the battle between McCallum and Rice.

A big crowd will be at St. Kilda for this game, which should be a beauty.

Saturday's third game will be at Wembley Park, Box Hill. The promoted Box Hill will have an unenviable task for their first match, when they take on last year's premiers.

I cannot see the home side getting anything out of this game, for Croatia carry too many big guns.

Home advantage may count for a little, and if the "Hillites" go straight into attack, they may cause the visitors some problems, but it will be a fiery baptism.

Port Melbourne Slavia battle with Ampol Cup winners South Melbourne Hellas, on Sunday. This game probably will take place at Olympic Park.

Hellas played their second leg challenge match against Sydney Prague on Wednesday and, without Micic, I think they will go down to Slavia.

If Hellas get in front they look twice the team, but I cannot see Cook and Co. giving anything away. A number of Hellas players do not like hard, first-line tackling, a feature of Slavia's play.

Polonia and Juventus will meet at Maribyrnong on Sunday and the outcome is difficult to predict.

Polonia's youngsters will miss the tactical brilliance of former captain Vic Janczyk, now coach of the visitors. Janczyk could hold the key to the outcome of this game.

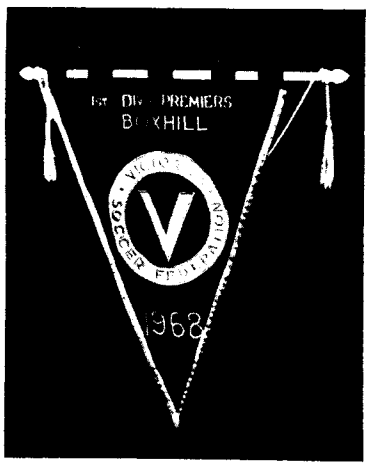
Juventus are still rebuilding and may lack understanding. I predict a low-scoring game.

Sixth game of the round, also on Sunday, will find arch-rivals Hakoah and Melbourne locked in a struggle at Middle Park.

Hakoah's new signings may give their goal-shy forward line the sparkle it has often lacked. Melbourne will be flat out to prove that last year was just too bad to be true.

Hakoah's half-back line will hold the key and I think that the home team will have a clear-cut win.

Altogether, a round full of interest and fans should roll up in big numbers to see the new talent and assess their favorite's chances for the season's honors.



FROM THE STABLE TO THE STATE LEAGUE

If fitness and determination count for anything in the State League struggle Box Hill, who step back into top company this season, will not be the pushover that many people think.

They won promotion the hard way last year, saying goodbye to the first division with only one point to spare over Dandenong after a see-saw tussle which was not decided until the last games.

The Box Hill officials reckon it was their team's fitness and will to win which pulled them through in face of the strong Dandenong challenge, and they're confident that this same spirit will surprise some of the big boys this term.

Listen to player-coach Peter Craig, a man of long experience in soccer and one who is under no illusions about the task which faces the enthusiastic Hillmen:

"We have no particular stars and make no claims to great soccer skill but, when the chips are down and it comes to fitness and staying power, I'll back my fellows to equal the best.

"They've worked really hard in training and it should pay off. They started with plenty of the hard stuff, cross-country work and other stamina-building sessions, and latterly they've been concentrating on ball skills.

"Now it is up to them. Obviously it is on the cards that we will take a hiding from some of the top sides but I'm confident that we can do enough to prove that we are worthy of State League status."

Craig, who joined Box Hill in 1964, learned his soccer in the hard Scottish school and before coming to Australia was on the books of Hearts, Forfar Athletic, East Fife and Berwick.

He stayed as player-coach with Box Hill until the end of 1966, played a season in the State League with Makedonia, then returned to Box Hill last year, coaching them to the first division title.

Craig, who will form the team selection committee with former president Tommy White and former secretary Bill Buck, is keen to play again this year and is likely to be called upon to don his boots, especially if the forwards are not going well.

Another man who fancies Box Hill's chances of staying in the State League is president Haydn Sidebottom, who said:

"It was a great team effort which did the trick last season, with the defence the strong-point, and the picture could be the same this year.

"Last year we seemed to be running on when other teams were tiring and this gave us the edge. The man we owe most to is Peter Craig, who brought the best out of the team.

"But the tension was on right up to the last round and there were times when we thought we were not going to make it.

"We had to beat Moreland in the final match of the season to take the title because Dandenong had a better goal average. You can imagine how we felt when we ran out 5-0 winners.

"This year we'll be trying for a place in the top eight to qualify for the Night Cup but of course the first aim is to make sure we stay up.

"It will take use a few weeks to settle down and get used to the faster pace, but I think we can make it."

The club will rely mainly on the same line-up as last year, the only big signing to date being Bobby McLachlan, from Croatia, who will stiffen the defence at full-back.

McLachlan, who had League experience in Britain and also played with Slavia and Lions, has made a comeback to the game after twice breaking a leg.

Others expected to be prominent include centre-half Jimmy Young, club best-and-fairest last year, half-back Dick Rae, voted the best player several times, and the one-armed forward, Bobby McLeish.

McLeish, who lost an arm in an accident at

▲ Player-coach Peter Craig (far left) briefs Box Hill players before a recent training session.

See if you can recognise any of these players. They were members of the first Box Hill soccer team, photographed in 1922.

Box Hill president Haydn Sidebottom (centre) shows off the First Division soccer pennant the club won in 1968. With him are Bill Stewart (left) and Mark Glennester.

GROUND IN GOOD SHAPE

work some years ago, has surprised everyone and shown courage in overcoming his handicap and is likely to be among the goals again.

Among many promising youngsters are 18-year-old Donald Brownlie, who has already made the first team squad, and Paul Corke, 17, who has impressed at centre-half.

The club's ground at Wembley Park has been re-seeded by the Box Hill Council and should be in good shape for the kick-off. But that famous slope to one end, which can put opponents off their stride, is still there.

The council is also expected to bank up one side of the ground soon to increase the capacity.

President Haydn Sidebottom, a keen soccer man, gets strong backing from secretary Mark Glennerster and treasurer Ernie Patterson, and there are many other helpers who get on quietly with the job, caring for the under-12, under-14 and under-16 sides, etc.

Apart from Prahran, the Box Hill club, founded in 1922 by the late Jack and George Young, claims to be the oldest in Victoria. The team was relegated from the senior league in 1961.

Mr. Bob Turnbull, a Blackburn businessman who was one of the original players, recalls that the first practice matches were played at Reagans Paddock, near Woodehouse Grove, and the first official game at a new ground in Woodehouse Grove in 1923.

The first committee meetings were held in a stable near the present public library in Whitehorse Road. It is believed that the first elected president was a Mr. H. Clark.

A new ground was obtained in 1926 on Springfield Park at the corner of Springfield Road and Dorking St. It was called the Cow Paddock, according to Councillor Lundgren, who played for the club from 1928-1932.

In the early 1930s the team shifted to what is now the Box Hill Cemetery and some years later moved again to the site of today's Box Hill High School.

About this time the Fox family from Ireland became associated with the club. Granny Fox, well known to all Box Hill fans, still attends some games at Wembley Park.

During the 1939 war the team switched to Surrey Park. In 1948 they won the premiership for the first time, and the final move, to Wembley Park, came in 1959.

Well-known former players with Box Hill include Johnny Bedford, now with Hellas, Walter Patterson, ex-Juventus and Makedonia, Angus Drennan, still playing in his forties with University, and Ian McLeod, an Argus Medal winner.

The present first team manager, Bill Stewart, a life member of the club, is reckoned to have done more for them than anyone.

Among the pioneers who built up the club spirit of which Box Hill is so proud today were Councillors Lundgren, Willis and Broadhead and businessmen Bob Turnbull, Ted Weston, Jack Young, David Fox, Tim Lonergan, Bob Brown, Bill Johnstone and many others.

Ted Weston, who has followed Box Hill for 38 years, regards Jim Willis as the club's most outstanding player. Willis joined them in 1928 and won international caps against China and Jugoslavia.

Today's players, who have inherited this long history, are determined to make a strong bid to add further chapters.

The full first team squad, named recently, is:

Peter Craig, forward and player-coach; Bobby McLachlan, full-back; and Bobby McLeish, forward, whose backgrounds are given above. The others are:

John Slade, born in Kent. A much-travelled goalie signed from Brighton last season;

Eddie Wilson, born in Scotland. A good goalie who won a regular first team spot in 1967. Previously with Albion Rovers;

Jimmy Campbell, born in Scotland. Hard-tackling full-back signed recently. Regular in the Army, stationed at Watsonia. Played for Far East Command.

Tommy White, born in Barrhead. First team regular for more than 10 seasons. Formerly an inside-forward, now at full-back.

Donald Brownlie, born in Glasgow. Half-back, 18, who moved into the first team last season after winning best-and-fairest in the reserves. Signed from Doncaster. A former Scottish schoolboy international.

David Oxton, born Birkenhead. Ball-playing inside man signed from Makedonia in 1967. Top scorer last season.

Dick Rae, born Luton, half-back. Outstanding player with club for several seasons. Formerly with George Cross.

Jimmy Young, born in Glasgow. Leading player last year. Big things are predicted for this tough centre-half this season;

Norman Voce, born in Manchester. Represented Victoria as a junior. Dangerous, hard working utility forward with hard right foot shot.

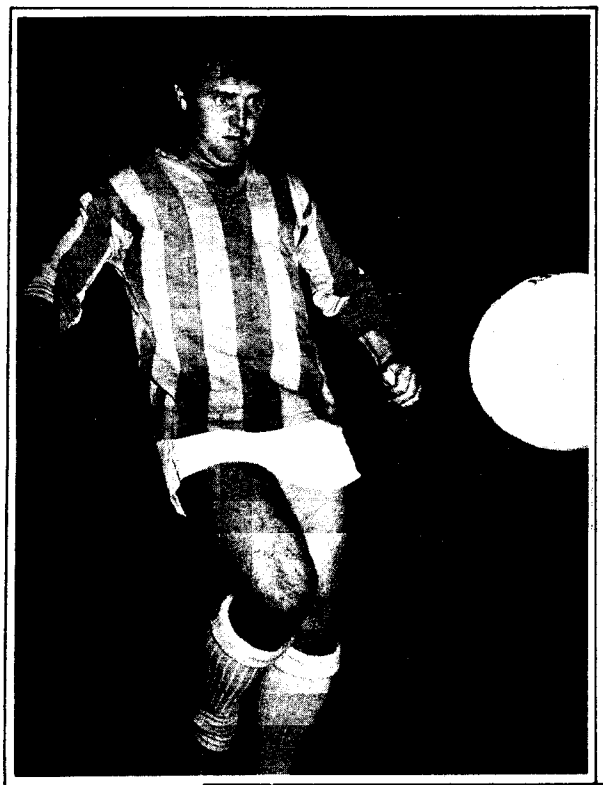
The following two youngsters are considered good prospects:

Nicky Koomen, born in Holland. Best-and-fairest junior last year, this 18-year-old soon moved up. Made first team debut against Elwood last season;

Paul Corke, 17, joined juniors from Slavia last year. Won reserve spot at centre-half. Could be knocking on first team door this year.

Promising Box Hill youngester Paul Corke, 17, heads the ball at training. He could get a place in the club's first team this year.

Goalie Eddie Wilson keeps his eyes on the ball as it comes to him during training.



It's back to the State League for former Moreland and Juventus winger Davy Oxton, who is now with Box Hill, promoted this year to the State League.

Above Davy drives the ball forward at training this week.

BOOST FOR THE CODE

By Alistair Cook

The Metropolitan Leagues, so often and so long considered the Cinderellas of Victorian soccer, are on the verge of a major break-through which will give the code an all-round boost, and advance the long-term aim of making soccer Australia's No. 1 winter sport.

The start of the 1969 League season this Saturday, which will see a full match program, will certainly lead to more interest and better support than ever has been experienced in Metropolitan League soccer.

Soccer is more widely distributed in the Melbourne suburbs than it has been in past years.

Generally, clubs are on a much better footing financially, as small bands of administrators give their time, experience and money to assure the future of not only their clubs, but of the game in general.

Marked organisational improvements have been made. These are noticeable in the administration of the clubs.

And it would provide quite an eye-opener if an assessment was made of all the ground improvements of the metropolitan clubs.

In the past couple of years the gates have been reopened to several provincial clubs to play in the Metropolitan Leagues.

This has won the approval of all who want to see the game placed on a broader basis, and has provided opportunities for country clubs with foresight and initiative.

Yallourn and Ballarat are two examples of what can be achieved by clubs outside the metropolitan area.

The managements of metro. teams have jumped on to the bandwagon in co-operating and producing their own players, with the result that more and more locally-bred boys are being introduced to the game.

Several clubs, also, are stepping in before their State League rivals, and are signing recently arrived and unannounced players.

Of course, a number of State League clubs have at long last woken up to the fact that considerable potential exists in all four divisions of the Metro Leagues.

Proof of this is seen in the recent signings of Billy Rogers, of Sunshine City, and Colin Horner, of Park Rangers, by Melbourne and Lions respectively.

On the other hand it appears that many, but not all, of the State League clubs are at long last prepared to allow their unwanted players to join Metropolitan League clubs for at most a nominal or moderate fee.

This is a step in the right direction by State League sides, who will reap the benefit at some time or another from clubs they have helped with players.

With a vast surplus of former State League coaches available, many clubs are in a position to secure men with much more experience than was previously possible.

Many clubs also are starting to get effective support from their local councils.

Despite the anti-soccer bias which still exists in several parts of Melbourne, soccer lovers are getting more and more encouragement from election-minded local governments to participate and develop the game locally.

A most important development in Metro. soccer is the fantastic progress of the code in the western suburbs, with St. Albans, Altona and Sunshine City flying the First Division banner, with many others sprinkled in the lower divisions.

The number of junior teams in this district is imposing, and providing they are nursed carefully, the potential here could be enormous in future years.

This also applies to many more districts throughout the metropolitan area, where pockets of major development and a break-through into the big time will have to be gradually watched and followed up by those managing the Metropolitan Leagues.

The future looks healthier and brighter for the Metropolitan League clubs than it ever has done in the past.

With the opening of the 1969 season in sight, the need now is for a concentrated effort by everyone concerned to ensure the future and development of the game.

Time needed for power to show

Although the Harry Armstrong and Dockerty Cup preliminary rounds have been in full swing, at this stage it is not practical to present an overall picture of the playing capabilities of each side in the four Metropolitan divisions.

At least a couple of weeks of League soccer are needed to determine the strengths and weaknesses of each team.

But it seems certain that Dandenong City, Preston-Makedonia and Elwood-Austria again will prove to be the major forces in Division 1, with relegated State League side Alexander the only obstacle to these and other clubs' chances of success.

There should be an even tougher battle for supremacy in Division 2, with Frankston City, Sandringham and Albion Rovers fighting it out with the newly-promoted Yallourn for a step up the ladder.

Country side Ballarat will not find it so easy in Division 3, where they will have to contend with East Melbourne-Helvetic, Croydon and St. Kilda before they, too, can step up the ladder.

Leading clubs in Division 4 this year again should be Moorooibark United, Corio and Newport, with Eltham, who have replaced Essendon in the competition, providing some idea of District League standards.

In the opening rounds this Saturday, and topping the bill at Olympic Park, will be the clash between Alexander and Altona City.

Somewhat unlucky to be relegated from the State League, Alexander will face a strong and purposeful Altona side, whose attack has been strengthened by the signing of winger Raymond King, from Footscray J.U.S.T.

In Division 2, the big attraction will be the Yallourn v. Albion Rovers fixture. The country side will be hoping for a repeat of last week's Dockerty Cup game, which Yallourn won 2-1.

Brighton, once a glamour side in Victorian soccer, and now relegated to Division 3, must clearly emphasise their superiority in their opening match against Glenroy United if they are to have any real chance of promotion.

The Monash University student side provide the opposition in Division 4 for newcomers Eltham, who have taken the place of Essendon, and they should account for them easily.

ALISTAIR COOK SELECTS:

FIRST DIVISION: Alexander, Preston-Makedonia, Ringwood United, Dandenong City, Sunshine City, Springvale.

SECOND DIVISION: Yallourn, Ferntree Gully, Moreland Thistle, Frankston Sandringham City, Park Rangers.

THIRD DIVISION: Bayswater, Brighton, Croydon, Clayton, Ballarat, East Melbourne Helvetic.

FOURTH DIVISION: South Yarra, Doncaster Rovers, Newport, Monash University, Corio, Moorooibark United.

Will publicity officers or secretaries please phone me with match reports on their clubs on 329-7582 and any other information each Sunday morning, from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m.

TEAMS MUST BE ON TOES

By Rick Lavale

District Soccer is at last gaining the recognition its large following deserves. As from this week, a weekly column will appear in Soccer News keeping you up to date with all the news in District Soccer.

With the stage all set for the season to kick off on Sunday, most clubs and their supporters will be enthusiastic about their team's prospects.

last year's premiership sides — Frankston Pines (Eastern Division), Anstey (Central) and West Sunshine United (Western) — will have to be right on their toes to retain the No. 1 spots in their respective divisions.

Main contenders to take the premierships away from the current holders appear to be Langwarrin and Chadstone in Eastern Division, Fitroy in Central Division and Kingsville in Western Division.

All these clubs have the officials and playing strength to be a major threat to any sides in their league.

Twelve new clubs have been admitted this year, and judging by the results of practice matches they will make their presence felt, with Oakleigh being possibly the most outstanding new club for 1969.

Oakleigh will be closely followed by East Carlton, who last season won the Eastern Suburbs League.

Last minute withdrawals from the League are La Trobe University and Doveton. The Uni. boys did not have enough players to fulfill league commitments, which is a pity because they have a good ground and excellent facilities.

Doveton's withdrawal came as a shock, because they ran two teams last year and have had junior teams for three seasons. Their decision not to compete in Eastern Division left about 30 players without a game.

Diamond Creek, one of the newly admitted clubs, is situated 19 miles from Melbourne and will help to open up soccer in the new area. The side comprised mainly of local players, will be coached by Dave Davidson, who was a Hampshire League referee in England.

Fitzroy, who are run by Tony Toigo, are one of the most progressive clubs. Local supporters have just donated two sets of shirts and socks, while the committee have presented each player with a set of boots.

The Chadstone team have had their ground graded and dressing rooms and pavilion erected by the council. They have obtained transfers for Terry Cash and John Turner, from Waverley City. Tommy Doolan, star Northcote forward, will be transferred to Chadstone this week.

One of the clubs whose ground was badly waterlogged last season was South Dandenong. They have had the surface graded, but report that it still needs further improvements.

North Altona, another new club, are awaiting the start of the season full of confidence. They are coached by Loverto Constentone, who was player-coach of Libertas. They have gained transfers for Dominic Loschiava, a half-back from Park Rangers, and Minnata, an inside forward who has played State League soccer with Juventus. In a recent practice match they defeated North Sunshine 9-2.

This year will see the District League run a Reserve League for the first time. It will comprise 10 teams who will come from all three divisions.

This new venture will bring the numbers of District teams to more than 40.

Club secretaries may contact me at 651 6583 or 57 5977 (A.H.)

My selections for this week are — EASTERN: Oakleigh, Hawksburn, Frankston Pines, Langwarrin, Army Apprentices v. Northcote match is postponed; CENTRAL: Fitzroy, Middle Park, Keon Park, Anstey. Lorrimer United v. Fawkner postponed; WESTERN: North Altona v. Garden City draw; Yarraville, Kingsville, Pascoe Vale.

Miss Soccer quest on

The 1969 Miss Soccer quest is now on, and supporters of all clubs are invited to take part.

Entries, with pictures, should be sent to The Secretary, Victorian Soccer Federation, 52 Fitzroy St., St. Kilda, 3182.

The winner, to be named at the VSF Ball later this year, will qualify for the Miss Victoria contest, with the possibility of going on to the Miss Australia quest.

YORKSHIREMAN

Another new face in the Juventus line-up is Keith Lakey, a 22-year-old full-back who played with Stockton in Yorkshire and was also on the books of Middlesbrough. He was signed after a good showing against West Adelaide Hellas recently.

Juniors get a record 200 teams

By JOHN ROBB

A record 200 junior teams will kick off the junior season on Saturday, April 1.

A total of 2500 boys from Under 8 to Under 18 will be registered and insured with the Victorian Soccer Federation.

Each year the number of teams and players is increasing remarkably, and in the coming season the juniors welcome clubs from the Diamond Valley.

The Diamond Valley, with Latrobe Valley, are helping to take any parochial aspect out of soccer by giving the game a wide coverage.

This year's record number of participating juniors reflects the effort, time and money being spent by officials of the various clubs, ensuring a bright future for soccer in Victoria.

RESULTS

HARRY ARMSTRONG (RESERVE) CUP. First Round.

Croydon v. Coburg (1-3). Box Hill v. Green Gully AJAX (3-3). Croatia v. Springvale (7-0). George Cross v. Alexander (1-0). Sandringham v. Yallourn (1-5). Polonia v. Heidelberg (0-1). Newport v. St. Kilda (7-0). Hakoah v. St. Albans (2-0). Melbourne v. Elwood Austria (4-3). Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Doncaster Rovers (11-0). Sunshine City v. Park Rangers (2-4). R.C. Wilhelmina v. Mooroolbark (12-1). Moreland Thistle v. Albion Rovers (0-1). Frankston City v. Glenroy (5-1). E. Melb. Helvetic v. Nth. Carlton Olympic (postponed). Brighton v. Sth. Melb. Hellas (0-0).

Preliminary Round H.A. Cup (played March 22).

Juventus v. Green Gully (1-3). M'nong Triestina v. Box Hill (1-3). Bayswater v. George Cross (1-4). Keilor City v. R.C. Wilhelmina (0-3). Prahran City v. Sth. Melb. Hellas (0-6). Mooroolbark v. Dandenong City (4-3). Pt. Melb. Slavia v. Croatia (1-2). Glenroy v. Monash Univ. (4-2). Univ. of Melb. v. Polonia (0-6). Hakoah v. Lions (4-0). Waverley v. Albion Rovers (4-6).

Dockerty Cup. First Metropolitan Round.

Heidelberg v. Elwood Austria (2-3). St. Albans v. Glenroy Utd. (5-2). Alexander v. Mooroolbark (2-1). Monash Univ. v. Green Gully Ajax (4-1). E. Melb. Helvetic v. Doncaster Rovers (1-2). Albion Rovers v. Yallourn (1-2). Univ. of Melb. v. M'nong Triestina (1-3). Waverley City v. Dandenong City (0-2). Ringwood Utd. v. Ballarat 5-0). Altona City v. Bayswater Utd. (5-1). Frankston City v. Moreland Thistle (1-2). Coburg v. Prahran City (3-2). Richmond v. Croydon (3-2). Springvale v. Keilor City (2-3). Newport v. Sunshine City (1-5). Brighton v. St. Kilda (4-3).

Preliminary Round Dockerty Cup (played Mar. 22).

Richmond v. Sandringham City (3-0). St. Albans v. Nth. Carlton Olym. (1-0). Park Rangers v. Frankston City (1-5).

State League, Division 1 & Division 2 fixtures

STATE LEAGUE

ROUND 1
Saturday, April 5
LIONS v. R'WOOD CY. WILHELMINA
BOX HILL v. CROATIA
GEORGE CROSS v. FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
Sunday, April 16
PT. MELB. SLAVIA v. STH. MELB. HELLAS
POLONIA v. JUVENTUS
HAKOAH v. MELBOURNE

ROUND 2
Saturday, April 12
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. BOX HILL
JUVENTUS v. HAKOAH
MELBOURNE v. PT. MELB. SLAVIA
Sunday, April 13
STH. MELB. HELLAS v. LIONS
R'WOOD CY. WILHELMINA v. GEORGE CROSS
CROATIA v. POLONIA

ROUND 3
Saturday, April 19
BOX HILL v. R'WOOD CY. WILHELMINA
PT. MELB. SLAVIA v. LIONS
POLONIA v. FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
Sunday, April 20
JUVENTUS v. MELBOURNE
GEORGE CROSS v. STH. MELB. HELLAS
HAKOAH v. CROATIA

ROUND 4
Saturday, April 26
STH. MELB. HELLAS v. BOX HILL
R'WOOD CY. WILHELMINA v. POL.
CROATIA v. MELBOURNE
Sunday, April 27
LIONS v. GEORGE CROSS
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. HAKOAH
JUVENTUS v. PT. MELB. SLAVIA

ROUND 5
Saturday, May 3
HAKOAH v. R'WOOD CY. WILHEL.
JUVENTUS v. CROATIA
BOX HILL v. LIONS
Sunday, May 4
MELB. v. FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
POLONIA v. STH. MELB. HELLAS
PT. MELB. SLAVIA v. GEORGE CR.

ROUND 6
Saturday, May 10
LIONS v. POLONIA
R'WOOD CY. WILHEL. v. MELB.
GEORGE CROSS v. BOX HILL
Sunday, May 11
STH. MELB. HELLAS v. HAKOAH
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. JUVENTUS
CROATIA v. PT. MELB. SLAVIA

ROUND 7
Saturday, May 17
BOX HILL v. PT. MELB. SLAVIA
JUVENTUS v. R'WOOD CY. WIL.
HAKOAH v. LIONS
Sunday, May 18
POLONIA v. GEORGE CROSS
CROATIA v. FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
MELB. v. STH. MELB. HELLAS

ROUND 8
Saturday, May 24
LIONS v. MELBOURNE
PT. MELB. SLAVIA v. FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
BOX HILL v. POLONIA
Sunday, May 25
STH. MELB. HELLAS v. JUVENTUS
R'WOOD CY. WIL'MINA v. CROATIA
GEORGE CROSS v. HAKOAH

ROUND 9
Saturday, May 31
JUVENTUS v. LIONS
HAKOAH v. BOX HILL
POLONIA v. PT. MELB. SLAVIA
Sunday, June 1
CROATIA v. STH. MELB. HELLAS
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. R'WOOD CY. WILHELMINA
MELBOURNE v. GEORGE CROSS

ROUND 10
Saturday, June 7
PT. MELB. SLAVIA v. R'WOOD CY. WILHELMINA
BOX HILL v. MELBOURNE
POLONIA v. HAKOAH
Sunday, June 8
LIONS v. CROATIA
STH. MELB. HELLAS v. FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
GEORGE CROSS v. JUVENTUS

ROUND 11
Saturday, June 14
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. LIONS
JUVENTUS v. BOX HILL
MELBOURNE v. POLONIA
Sunday, June 15
R'WOOD CY. WILHELMINA v. STH. MELB. HELLAS
CROATIA v. GEORGE CROSS
HAKOAH v. PT. MELB. SLAVIA

ROUND 12
Saturday, June 21
STH. MELB. HELLAS v. PT. MELB. SLAVIA
CROATIA v. BOX HILL
MELBOURNE v. HAKOAH
Sunday, June 22
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. GEORGE CR.
JUVENTUS v. POLONIA
R'WOOD CY WILHEL. v. LIONS

ROUND 13
Saturday, June 28
GEORGE CROSS v. R'WD CY' WIL.
BOX HILL v FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
HAKOAH v. JUVENTUS
Sunday, June 29
LIONS v. STH. MELB. HELLAS
POLONIA v. CROATIA
PT. MELB. SLAVIA v. MELB.

ROUND 14
Saturday, July 5
LIONS v. PT. MELB. SLAVIA
R'WOOD. CY. WIL. v. BOX HILL
CROATIA v. HAKOAH
Sunday, July 6
STH. MELB. HELLAS v. GEORGE CROSS
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. POLONIA
MELBOURNE v. JUVENTUS

ROUND 15
Saturday, July 12
GEORGE CROSS v. LIONS
POLONIA v. R'WOOD CY. WIL.
HAKOAH v. FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
Sunday, July 13
BOX HILL v. STH. MELB. HELLAS
MELB. v. CROATIA
PT. MELB. SLAVIA v. JUVENTUS

ROUND 16
Saturday, July 19
LIONS v. BOX HILL
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. MELB.
GEORGE CROSS v. PT. MELBOURNE SLAVIA
Sunday, July 20
STH. MELB. HELLAS v. POLONIA
R'WOOD CY. WIL. v. HAKOAH
CROATIA v. JUVENTUS
Sunday, July 27
PROVISIONAL DATE FOR GREEK NATIONAL TOUR GAME
Sunday, August 3
PROVISIONAL DATE FOR SECOND GREEK NATIONAL TOUR GAME
Saturday, August 9

ROUND 17
POLONIA v. LIONS
MELB. v. R'WOOD. CY. WILHEL.
PT. MELB. SLAVIA v. CROATIA
Sunday, August 10
HAKOAH v. STH. MELB. HELLAS
JUVENTUS v. FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
BOX HILL v. GEORGE CROSS

ROUND 18
Saturday, August 16
PT. MELB. SLAVIA v. BOX HILL
STH. MELB. HELLAS v. MELB.
LIONS v. HAKOAH
Sunday, August 17
GEORGE CROSS v. POLONIA
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. CROATIA
R'WOOD. CY. WIL. v. JUVENTUS

ROUND 19
Saturday, August 23
CROATIA v. R'WOOD. CY. WILHEL.
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. PT. MELB. SLAVIA
POLONIA v. BOX HILL
Sunday, August 24
MELBOURNE v. LIONS
JUVENTUS v. STH. MELB. HELLAS
HAKOAH v. GEORGE CROSS

ROUND 20
Saturday, August 30
R'WOOD. CY. WIL. v. FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
BOX HILL v. HAKOAH
GEORGE CROSS v. MELBOURNE
Sunday, August 31
LIONS v. JUVENTUS
STH. MELB. HELLAS v. CROATIA
PT. MELB. SLAVIA v. POLONIA

ROUND 21
Saturday, September 6
CROATIA v. LIONS
R'WOOD. CY. WILHEL. v. PT. MELB. SLAVIA
MELBOURNE v. BOX HILL
Sunday, September 7
FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. v. STH. MELB. HELLAS
JUVENTUS v. GEORGE CROSS
HAKOAH v. POLONIA

ROUND 22
Saturday, September 13
LIONS v. FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.
STH. MELB. HELLAS v. R'WOOD. CY. WILHELMINA
PT. MELB. SLAVIA v. HAKOAH
Sunday, September 14
GEORGE CROSS v. CROATIA
BOX HILL v. JUVENTUS
POLONIA v. MELBOURNE

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE

ROUND 1 — APRIL 5
Alexander v. Altona City
Coburg v. Preston Makedonia
Ringwood Utd. v. Keilor City
St. Albans v. Dandenong City
Sunshine City v. Elwood Austria
M'nong Triestina v. Springvale

ROUND 2 — APRIL 12
Preston Makedonia v. Alexander
Altona City v. Ringwood Utd.
Keilor City v. St. Albans
Dandenong City v. Sunshine City
Elwood Austria v. M'nong Triestina
Springvale v. Coburg

ROUND 3 — APRIL 19
Coburg v. Alexander
Ringwood Utd. v. Preston Makedonia
St. Albans v. Altona City
Sunshine City v. Keilor City
M'nong Triestina v. Dandenong City
Springvale v. Elwood Austria

ROUND 4 — APRIL 26
Alexander v. Ringwood Utd.
Preston Makedonia v. St. Albans
Altona City v. Sunshine City
Keilor City v. M'nong Triestina
Dandenong City v. Springvale
Elwood Austria v. Coburg

ROUND 5 — MAY 3
St. Albans v. Alexander
Sunshine City v. Preston Makedonia
M'nong Triestina v. Altona City
Springvale v. Keilor City
Elwood Austria v. Dandenong City
Coburg v. Ringwood Utd.

ROUND 6 — MAY 10
Alexander v. Sunshine City
Preston Makedonia v. M'nong Triest.
Altona City v. Springvale
Keilor City v. Elwood Austria
Dandenong City v. Coburg
Ringwood Utd. v. St. Albans

ROUND 7 — MAY 17
St. Albans v. Coburg
Sunshine City v. Ringwood Utd.
Dandenong City v. Keilor City
Elwood Austria v. Altona City
Springvale v. Preston Makedonia
M'nong Triestina v. Alexander

ROUND 8 — MAY 24
Alexander v. Springvale
Preston Makedonia v. Elwood Austria
Altona City v. Dandenong City
Ringwood Utd. v. M'nong Triest.
Coburg v. Keilor City
St. Albans v. Sunshine City

ROUND 9 — MAY 31
Elwood Austria v. Alexander
Dandenong City v. Preston Makedonia
Keilor City v. Altona City
M'nong Triest. v. St. Albans
Springvale v. Ringwood Utd.
Sunshine City v. Coburg

ROUND 10 — JUNE 7
Alexander v. Dandenong City
Preston Makedonia v. Keilor City
Coburg v. Altona City
Ringwood Utd. v. Elwood Austria
St. Albans v. Springvale
Sunshine City v. M'nong Triestina

ROUND 11 — JUNE 14
Keilor City v. Alexander
Altona City v. Preston Makedonia
Dandenong City v. Ringwood Utd.
Elwood Austria v. St. Albans
Springvale v. Sunshine City
M'nong Triest. v. Coburg

ROUND 12 — JUNE 21
Altona City v. Alexander
Preston Makedonia v. Coburg
Keilor City v. Ringwood Utd.
Dandenong City v. St. Albans
Elwood Austria v. Sunshine City
Springvale v. M'nong Triestina

ROUND 13 — JUNE 28
Alexander v. Preston Makedonia
Ringwood Utd. v. Altona City
St. Albans v. Keilor City
Sunshine City v. Dandenong City
M'nong Triestina v. Elwood Austria
Coburg v. Springvale

ROUND 14 — JULY 5
Alexander v. Coburg
Preston Makedonia v. Ringwood Utd.
Altona City v. St. Albans
Keilor City v. Sunshine City
Dandenong City v. M'nong Triestina
Elwood Austria v. Springvale

ROUND 15 — JULY 12
Ringwood Utd. v. Alexander
St. Albans v. Preston Makedonia
Sunshine City v. Altona City
M'nong Triest. v. Keilor City
Springvale v. Dandenong City
Coburg v. Elwood Austria

ROUND 16 — JULY 19
Alexander v. St. Albans
Preston Makedonia v. Sunshine City
Altona City v. M'nong Triestina
Keilor City v. Springvale
Dandenong City v. Elwood Austria
Ringwood Utd. v. Coburg

ROUND 17 — JULY 26
Sunshine City v. Alexander
M'nong Triestina v. Preston Make.
Elwood Austria v. Altona City
Coburg v. Dandenong City
St. Albans v. Rinwood Utd.

ROUND 18 — AUGUST 2
Coburg v. St. Albans
Ringwood Utd. v. Sunshine City
Keilor City v. Dandenong City
Altona City v. Elwood Austria
Preston Makedonia v. Springvale
Alexander v. M'nong Triestina

ROUND 19— AUGUST 9
Springvale v. Alexander
Elwood Austria v. Preston Make.
Dandenong City v. Altona City
M'nong Triestina v. Ringwood Utd.
Keilor City v. Coburg
Sunshine City v. St. Albans

ROUND 20 — AUGUST 16
Alexander v. Elwood Austria
Preston Makedonia v. Dandenong City
Altona City v. Keilor City
St. Albans v. M'nong Triestina
Ringwood Utd. v. Springvale
Coburg v. Sunshine City

ROUND 21 — AUGUST 23
Dandenong City v. Alexander
Keilor City v. Preston Makedonia
Altona City v. Coburg
Elwood Austria v. Ringwood Utd.
Springvale v. St. Albans
M'nong Triestina v. Sunshine City

ROUND 22 — AUGUST 30
Alexander v. Keilor City
Preston Makedonia v. Altona City
Ringwood Utd. v. Dandenong City
St. Albans v. Elwood Austria
Sunshine City v. Springvale
Coburg v. M'nong Triestina

DIVISION TWO

ROUND 1 — APRIL 5
Yallourn v. Albion Rovers
Ferntree Gully v. Prahran City
Richmond v. Moreland Thistle
Green Gully Ajax v. Frankston City
Brunswick Athena v. S'ham City
Park Rangers v. Waverley

ROUND 2 — APRIL 12
Prahran City v. Yallourn
Albion Rovers v. Richmond
Moreland Thistle v. Green Gully Ajax
Frankston City v. Brunswick Athena
S'ham City v. Park Rangers
Waverley v. Ferntree Gully

ROUND 3 — APRIL 19
Ferntree Gully v. Yallourn
Richmond v. Prahran City
Green Gully Ajax v. Albion Rovers
Brunswick Athena v. Moreland Thistle
Park Rangers v. Frankston City
Waverley v. Sandringham City

ROUND 4 — APRIL 26
Yallourn v. Richmond
Prahran City v. Green Gully Ajax
Albion Rovers v. Brunswick Athena
Moreland Thistle v. Park Rangers
Frankston City v. Waverley
S'ham City v. Ferntree Gully

ROUND 5 — MAY 3
Green Gully Ajax v. Yallourn
Brunswick Athena v. Prahran City
Park Rangers v. Albion Rovers
Waverley v. Moreland Thistle
S'ham City v. Frankston City
Ferntree Gully v. Richmond

ROUND 6 — MAY 10
Yallourn v. Brunswick Athena
Prahran City v. Park Rangers
Albion Rovers v. Waverley
Moreland Thistle v. S'ham City
Frankston City v. Ferntree Gully
Richmond v. Green Gully Ajax

ROUND 7 — MAY 17
Green Gully Ajax v. F'tree Gully
Brunswick Athena v. Richmond
Frankston City v. Moreland Thistle
S'ham City v. Albion Rovers
Waverley v. Prahran City
Park Rangers v. Yallourn

ROUND 8 — MAY 24
Yallourn v. Waverley
Prahran City v. S'ham City
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Green Gully Ajax v. B'wick Athena

ROUND 9 — MAY 31
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Waverley v. Richmond
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ROUND 10 — JUNE 7
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Brunswick Athena v. Park Rangers

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Waverley v. Brunswick Athena
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ROUND 12 — JUNE 21
Albion Rovers v. Yallourn
Prahran City v. Ferntree Gully
Moreland Thistle v. Richmond
Frankston City v. Green Gully Ajax
S'ham City v. Brunswick Athena
Waverley v. Park Rangers

ROUND 13 — JUNE 28
Yallourn v. Prahran City
Richmond v. Albion Rovers
Green Gully Ajax v. Moreland Thistle
Brunswick Athena v. Frankston City
Park Rangers v. S'ham City
Ferntree Gully v. Waverley

ROUND 14 — JULY 5
Yallourn v. Ferntree Gully
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Moreland Thistle v. B'wick Athena
Frankston City v. Park Rangers
S'ham City v. Waverley

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Moreland Thistle v. Waverley
Frankston City v. S'ham City
Richmond v. Ferntree Gully

ROUND 17 — JULY 26
Brunswick Athena v. Yallourn
Park Rangers v. Prahran City
Waverley v. Albion Rovers
Sandringham City v. Moreland Thistle
Ferntree Gully v. Frankston City
Green Gully Ajax v. Richmond

ROUND 18 — AUGUST 2
Ferntree Gully v. Green Gully Ajax
Richmond v. Brunswick Athena
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Albion Rovers v. Sandringham City
Prahran City v. Waverley
Yallourn v. Park Rangers

ROUND 19 — AUGUST 9
Waverley v. Yallourn
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Park Rangers v. Richmond
Moreland Thistle v. Ferntree Gully
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ROUND 20 — AUGUST 16
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Richmond v. Waverley
Ferntree Gully v. Brunswick Athena

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Ferntree Gully v. Park Rangers

● Next week — fixtures for 1969 for Division 3 and 4 and District

EASTER MATCHES AND REFEREES

STATE LEAGUE
Saturday, April 5
Lions v. Wilhelmina (Ref.: C. Contini; linesmen: P. Ward/J. Blake) Essendon.
Box Hill v. Croatia (J. Dixon; S. DellColle/J. Brennan), Box Hill.
George Cross v. F'cray J.U.S.T. (B. Finnegan; C. Fetterplace/P. Didcock), St. Kilda.
Sunday, April 6
P.M. Slavia v. S.M. Hellas (G. Harrison; S. Mellings/H. Lechner), Ol. Park.
Polonia v. Juventus (R. Lamb; H. Muench/M. Mather), M'nong.
Hakoah v. Melbourne (G. Pedler; J. Slaats/J. Riches), Middle Park.

METROPOLITAN LEAGUE
Division One
Alexander v. Altona (Randall; Chetcuti/Lirosi).
Coburg v. Prest. Makedonia (Stafrace; Turner/Tuffield).
Ringwood v. Keilor (Muench; H. Thorn/Walker).
St. Albans v. Dandenong (Pavlovic; Aspinal/Brkic).
Sunshine C. v. Elwood Aust. (Wootten; Tomczyk/Baldini).
Mar. Triestina v. Springvale (Verniers; Caruso/D'Angelo).

Division Two
Yallourn v. Albion Rov. (Not named).
Ferntree Gully v. Prahran (Davies).
Richmond v. Moreland (Daly).
Green Gully Ajax v. Frankston (Francis).
B'wick Ath. v. Sandringham (Francis).
Park Rangers v. Waverley (Evans).

Division Three
Uni. Melb. v. Bayswater (Fokianos).
Brighton v. Glenroy (Kramp).
Heidelberg v. Croydon (Karlich).
Clayton v. Chelsea (Kirkinaskas).
Ballarat v. Princ. Pk. Hercules (Not named).
E. Melb. Helvetic v. St. Kilda (Licht).

Division Four
South Yarra v. Deer Park (Monkus)
Doncaster v. Mornington (Muus).
Newport v. Moorabbin (Princi).
Monash Uni. v. Eltham (Moorhouse)
Corio v. Nth. Carlton Olympic (Not named).
Mooroolbark v. Rosebud (Ransom).

DISTRICT LEAGUE
Sunday, April 6
Cheltenham v. Oakleigh (Evans).
Hawksburn v. Frognall (Brkic).
Frankston Pines v. Doveton (Moorhouse).
Langwarrin v. Sth. Dandenong (Kramp).

CENTRAL DIVISION
Fitzroy v. Diamond Creek (Monkus)
Fawkner v. Lorimer (Karlich) (could be postponed).
West Preston v. Middle Park (Exarchos)
Keon Park v. Elsternwick (Szego)
Anstey v. Regent (Stathopoulos).

WESTERN DIVISION
Garden City v. Nth. Altona (S. Taussig)
Yarraville v. Melton (Tomcjak)
Kingsville v. Carlton (M. Taussig)
Ardeer v. Pascoe Vale (Suttie)

RESERVES DIVISION
Fawkner v. Nth. Altona (Fokianos) (could be postponed)
Frankston Pines v. Carlton (Talbot)
Langwarrin v. Sth. Dandenong (Upjohn)

Coaches in the making

The following 20 candidates qualified for preliminary certificates following the recent Victorian Soccer Coaches' Association course:

A. Frost, C. Finlay, L. Hutley, C. Geiran, W. Gorman, W. Harburn, W. Burnett, T. Fowler, K. Poynton, B. Rowley, G. Boggi, E. Koren, M. Meehan, N. Bevis, M. Bevis, J. Brown, A. Szalkai, W. Hilliard, A. Wilson, B. Lange, B. Cubitt.

The certificates are recognised by the Australian Soccer Federation and candidates have the option of taking an advanced course later in the year.

soccer abroad

U.K. CLAMPS DOWN ON VIOLENCE

Violence, injury and vandalism by soccer fans have marred the British season, now nearing its end, but moves to combat the trouble may soon be taken.

A committee of inquiry, set up by the Minister for Sport, M... Denis Howell, is prew- ing its ... a registered ... referee, has put forward his own ideas on the problem.

He suggested that clubs should provide more seats and pen the fans into smaller groups. Police should be placed at the back of the terraces.

At games this year people have been injured by bottles, filed-down coins and beer cans, and a 17-year-old boy was stabbed.

Shop windows have been smashed and underground stations and trains damaged. Even motorists have been attacked, policemen assaulted and stores looted.

Plans are also afoot to clean up play on the field.

Players, referees, chairmen, directors and managers have been warned by the Football Association and Football League that an improvement must be made in standards of conduct and control.

The warning has come from members of the referees' committee in consultation with the management committee of the League.

The points made are:

Players must accept the referee's decision and referees must accept their responsibilities to enforce the laws of the game to combat violent conduct, serious foul play and all acts of gamesmanship.

Referees must also take action in accordance with law 12 in respect of all incidents of dissent on the part of players.

Officials must impress upon players that their conduct shall be in accordance with the letter and spirit of the game.

Dave Simmons (on ground) scores for Aston Villa, putting the ball past Charlton goalie Charlie Wright at The Valley ground, Lond on. Charlton's Kiers, almost in the net on the left, failed to intercept.

Arsenal inside-right David Court (right) stayed out of this melee in front of the Everton goal in the game at Highbury, London . . . and it paid off. The ball ran loose and Court pounced to slam it home. Arsenal won 3-1.

UK Soccer results

FA CUP
Semi-Final
West Bromich Albion v Leicester City 0-1.

DIVISION ONE
Arsenal v Southampton 0-0, Burnley v Tottenham Hotspur 2-2, Everton v Chelsea 1-2, Manchester City v Stoke City 3-1, Newcastle United v Coventry City 2-0, Queen's Park Rangers v Liverpool 1-2, West Ham United v Manchester United 0-0, Wolverhampton Wanderers v Leeds United 0-0.

DIVISION TWO
Aston Villa v Derby County 0-1, Bolton Wanderers v Blackpool 1-4, Bristol City v Hull City 1-1, Carlisle United v Crystal Palace 1-2, Fulham v Oxford United 0-1, Huddersfield Town v Birmingham City 0-0, Middlesborough v Cardiff City 0-0, Portsmouth v Charlton Athletic 4-1, Preston North End v Bury 3-0, Sheffield United v Norwich City 1-0.

DIVISION THREE
Barrow v Southport 0-0, Bournemouth and Hove Albion v Northampton Town 3-2, Crewe Alexandra v Stockport County 1-1, Gillingham v Torquay United 0-0, Plymouth Argyle v Shrewsbury Town 1-1, Swindon Town v Watford 0-1, Barnsley v Tranmere Rovers 2-2, Luton Town v Leyton Orient 2-1, Rotheham United v Brighton and Hove Albion.

DIVISION FOUR
Bradford City v Scunthorpe United 3-0, Chesterfield v Brentford 1-2, Peterborough United v Rochdale 0-1, Swansea Town v Lincoln City 5-0, Darlington v Halifax Town .-1, Exeter City v Doncaster Rovers 0-0, Grimsby Town v Bradford 2-0, Newport County v Nottingham County 0-0, Port Vale v Chester 2-1, York City v Colchester United 2-0.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE
Arbroath v St Johnstone 1-2, Clyde v Hearts 0-1, Dundee v Morton 0-2, Dunfermline v Patrick Thistle 2-0, Falkirk v Dundee United 2-2, Hibernian v Aberdeen 1-1, Kilmarnock v Airdrie 2-1, Rangers v Raith 2-1, St Mirren v Celtic 0-3.

DIVISION TWO
Alloa v Dumbarton 0-1, Berwick v Cowdenbeath 0-4, Clydebank v Stenhousemuir 2-2, East Fife v East Stirlingshire 4-2, Hamilton v Ayr 2-2, Montrose v Stirling Albion 0-2, Queen of the South v Motherwell 1-2, Stranraer v Forfar 1-0.

IRISH LEAGUE
IRISH CUP
Semi-finals
Ards v Coleraine 1-0, Distillery v Glentoran 1-1.

RUGBY LEAGUE
RUGBY LEAGUE CUP

Semi-final
Castleford v Wakefield Trinity 16-10.

WEST GERMANY
Hertha BSC Berlin v Borussia Moenchengladbach 2-1, MSV Duisburg v 1. FC Nuernberg 1-0, Schalke 04 v Hannover 96 1-1, VFB Stuttgart v Borussia Dortmund 2-2, Hamburger SV v 1. FC Kaiserslautern 3-1, Bayern Muenchen v Werder Bremen 6-0, Alemannia Aachen v 1860 Muenchen 4-0, Eintracht Frankfurt v Kickers Offenbach 3-2, Eintracht Braunschweig v 1. FC Koeln, cancelled.

DIVISION THREE

Watford	36	21	9	6	59-24	51
Swindon	37	21	7	9	56-30	49
Luton	37	21	7	9	61-33	49
Plymouth	39	17	11	11	47-40	45
Bournem'th	37	18	6	13	55-37	42
Tranmere	39	16	9	14	56-58	41
Torquay	36	16	8	12	46-34	40
Stockport	36	14	12	10	60-53	40
Brighton	41	14	12	15	64-57	40
Northham.	38	14	10	14	47-46	38
Walsall	38	12	13	13	42-40	37
Rotherham	38	13	11	14	45-43	37
Reading	38	13	11	14	57-55	37
Southport	35	14	7	14	57-51	35
Orient	37	12	11	14	43-49	35
Bristol R.	37	13	8	16	54-58	34
Barnsley	36	11	11	14	45-53	33
Gillingham	37	10	12	15	45-55	32
Barrow	36	12	8	16	44-62	32
Hartlepools	37	8	14	15	33-65	30
Crewe	36	11	7	18	42-57	29
Mansfield	33	9	10	14	42-48	28
Oldham	39	10	8	21	40-69	28
Shrew'bury	35	9	8	18	29-52	26

DIVISION FOUR.

Doncaster	37	17	14	7	54-36	48
Aldershot	38	18	7	13	59-50	43
Rochdale	35	13	16	6	53-27	42
Bradford C	35	14	14	7	49-34	42
Chester	38	14	13	11	66-49	41
Colchester	36	17	7	12	50-46	41
Lincoln	39	13	15	11	43-45	41
Darlington	34	13	13	8	46-32	39
Workington	35	13	13	9	33-30	39
Halifax	32	13	12	7	37-31	38
Swansea	37	14	10	13	45-42	38
Southend	34	13	11	10	55-46	37
Port Vale	36	13	10	13	38-35	36
Brentford	37	12	12	13	51-54	36
Scunthorpe	37	14	7	16	47-49	35
Wrexham	34	12	10	12	42-38	34
Newport	38	10	14	14	43-56	34
Peterboro	37	9	15	13	48-46	33
Exeter	37	11	10	16	52-57	32
Chesterfield	38	10	12	16	37-46	32
Notts Co.	37	9	14	14	37-49	32
York	34	10	10	14	37-53	30
Grimsby	37	8	13	16	42-56	29
Bradford	35	4	8	23	27-84	16

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.
DIVISION ONE.

Celtic	28	20	6	2	73-19	46
Rangers	28	19	5	4	71-26	43
Kilmarnock	31	14	13	4	47-29	41
Dunfer'line	30	18	5	7	58-38	41
Dundee Un.	29	15	7	7	54-45	37
St. Mirren	31	11	9	11	38-50	31
Airdrie.	29	10	10	9	38-39	30
St. Johnst.	27	13	3	11	52-46	29
Hearts	30	11	7	12	43-50	29
Hibs	29	11	6	12	53-50	28
Morton	29	11	6	12	46-52	28
Dundee	29	8	11	10	39-38	27
Clyde	30	9	9	12	32-47	27
P. Thistle	30	8	7	15	34-49	23
Aberdeen	28	7	6	15	40-52	20
Raith	31	7	5	19	41-62	19
Falkirk	29	4	7	18	27-56	15
Arbroath	30	5	4	21	37-75	14

Standings

ENGLISH LEAGUE
DIVISION ONE.

	P	W	D	L	F A	Pts.
Leeds	34	23	9	2	59-24	55
Liverpool	33	22	6	5	54-20	50
Arsenal	33	19	9	5	45-18	47
Everton	32	17	10	5	65-29	44
Chelsea	36	17	8	11	64-46	42
West Ham	34	13	14	7	62-41	40
S'hamp.	37	13	12	12	45-43	38
Spurs	34	10	16	8	51-44	36
Burnley	36	13	9	14	47-69	35
Ipswich	35	12	9	14	51-51	33
Man. U	35	10	12	13	45-45	32
Wolve.	35	9	14	12	35-45	32
Man. City	33	11	9	13	57-45	31
Newcastle	32	10	11	11	42-43	31
Sheff. U.	32	10	11	11	34-39	31
W. Brom	33	11	8	14	44-56	30
Notts For	34	8	12	14	40-47	28
Stoke	35	8	12	15	35-51	28
S'land	35	9	10	16	38-62	28
Coventry	35	8	8	19	41-56	24
Leicester	31	6	10	15	28-53	22
Q P R	38	3	9	26	34-89	15

DIVISION TWO.

Derby	36	20	11	5	48-30	51
C Palace	36	19	9	8	62-43	47
Middlesbr'	37	19	9	9	55-41	47
Cardiff	38	19	7	12	64-47	45
Millwall	37	17	8	12	57-44	42
Charlton	36	15	12	9	51-50	42
Sheff Uni	37	15	9	13	56-46	39
Carlisle	37	14	10	13	42-42	38
Blackpool	37	12	13	12	48-39	37
Hud'field	35	14	9	12	45-43	37
Birm'ham	36	14	7	15	63-55	35
Hull	36	10	15	11	50-48	35
Portsmouth	37	10	14	13	47-46	34
Blackburn	33	12	10	11	41-41	34
Bristol C	37	9	15	13	42-46	33
Aston V.	37	10	13	14	34-45	33
Norwich	35	12	8	15	43-44	32
Preston	36	10	12	14	35-42	32
Bolton	36	9	12	15	48-59	30
Oxford	37	9	9	19	30-51	27
Bury	36	9	7	20	42-69	25
Fulham	36	7	9	20	36-68	23

Allan ended their hopes

Top-priced Leicester striker Allan Clarke put paid to West Brom's hopes of going to Wembley for the second year in succession with a smart 87th minute goal in the delayed semi-final at Hillsborough last Saturday.

So it's Leicester v. Manchester City on April 26.

Leicester have reached Wembley three times before for three defeats. They were beaten 3-1 by another Manchester side, United, in 1963 2-0 by Spurs in 1961, and 3-1 by Wolves in 1949.

City were 1-0 Cup winners in 1904 against Bolton, 1934 against Portsmouth (2-1), and 1956 against Birmingham (3-1). They were beaten 1-0 by Bolton in 1926, 3-0 by Everton in 1933, and 3-1 by Newcastle in 1955.

$200,000 now on Toshack

A year ago Fulham were bidding about $110,000 for lanky Cardiff City striker John Toshack, who is really getting among the goals.

But Cardiff manager Jimmy Scoular forecast that the player's value could mount to over $200,000 within 18 months. Now Toshack is reported to have attracted a couple of bids around $170,000. Both were turned down.

Toshack toured Australia with the Welsh side last year.

TAFFY on the POOLS

What a shocking week to start tipping again! Nineteen draws last Saturday and the dividends look like being an almost record low.

While an increase in the number of draws this season resulted in a slump in treble chance pay-outs, the other pools have been paying better than average dividends so far.

The break-up of the draws was four in the First Division, three in the Second, six in the Third, two in the Fourth and four in the Scottish games on the coupons.

The balance was 12 Aways and 16 Homes, with three postponed games. The Four Aways should give a reasonable payout, but whereas the Treble Chance will be low, the Eight and Nine results will be in the near record for these pools.

The dividends for Saturday, March 22, when there were 12 draws, paid:

LITTLEWOODS

Treble chance: 24 pts., £11,713/12/4; 23 pts., £69/8/-; 22½ pts., £36/9/-; 22 pts., £3/13/-; 21½ pts., £1/3/-.

Twelve match results pools: 10 correct and 2 postponed, £57/8/- for 2d.; 9 correct, £1/8/0; 8 correct, 4/-.

Three draws, 72/-; Nine Results, 584/-; Four Aways, 24/-.

VERNONS

Treble Chance: 24 pts., £2942/14/- for a farthing; 23 pts., £18/11/-; 22½ pts., £9/15/-; 22 pts., 12/-. Twelve Match result pool: 11 correct, £203/16/- for 2d.; 10 correct £4/12/-; 9 correct, 6/-.

Three Draws, 76/-; Eight Results, 608/-; Four Aways, 24/-; Simple Six (one postponed), 108/-.

And now for the matches next Saturday week, April 12.

As there are not many weeks to go to the end of the season, it is worth studying the League table on this page.

Particular notice must be taken not only for teams fighting for promotion, but also those who will be putting every effort in to avoid relegation.

Also remember the old adage that home ground advantage in many ways gives a team a goal start. So here we go for next Saturday week, with my selections for those hard-to-find Eight Draws, which will bring in the lolly.

TREBLE CHANCE

*Newcastle United v. Manchester United.
Queen's Park Rangers v. Stoke.
*West Ham United v. Chelsea.
Aston Villa v. Birmingham.
*Carlisle United v. Cardiff City.
Huddersfield Town v. Charlton Athletic.
*Millwall v. Derby Cnty.
Barnsley v. Torquay Utd.
*Bournem'th v. Watford.
Bradf'd City v. Rochdale.
*Darlington v. Aldershot.
*Clyde v. St. Mirran.
Patrick Thistle v. Dundee United.
*Stirling Albion v. East Stirling.

FOUR AWAYS

*Liverpool.
Tottenham Hotspurs.
*Blackpool.
*Crystal Palace.
Chester.
*Doncaster Rovers.

And now for the stake-savings man, with my Home selections:

EIGHT AND NINE RESULTS

*Everton.
*Manchester City.
Bolton Wanderers.
*Middlesbrough.
Portsmouth.
*Luton Town.
Plymouth Argyle.
*Rotherham United.
*Swindon Town.
Newport County.
*Swansea Town.
Workington.
*Airdrieonians.
*Hearts.

*Indicates best selections.

Until next week, happy punting — TAFFY.

THIS DOLL HAS SEEN ALL

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BEST IS GOOD!

West Ham starlet 18-year-old Clyde Best, who played in the World Cup for his native Bermuda, has impressed the critics and looks set to go places.

Manager Ron Greenwood, who knows his soccer, says: "This boy has great potential."

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